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On 18 October 1949, Stane Pavlic, the Yugoslav Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade, arrived in Vienna from Paris, where he alleges he purchased 100,000 tons of rolled materials from six or seven unnamed firms for \$42 per ton. En route, the French-Greek border.

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2. [REDACTED] Technopromot, the Yugoslav purchasing agency in Vienna, was notified that the 127 tons of cement sheets which it had purchased from USIA through "Kardor" Czechoslovak Export-Import, Vienna, and which was shipped by Weizmann, had been stopped at Bratislava. The Czechoslovak authorities demand information regarding the origin and ultimate recipient of this shipment.**

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* Comment: This shipment is probably identical with the purchase described

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Comment: This is the first Yugoslav shipment from Vienna which has been stopped in transit in Czechoslovakia since the war. Source believes that Czechoslovakia will refuse to a shipment as well as future ones because Yugoslavia can retaliate by prohibiting the transit of Czech shipments through Yugoslavia.

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